Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Diabetes is a chronic metabolic disorder that adversely affects the body's ability to manufacture and utilize insulin, a hormone necessary for the conversion of food into energy; and,

WHEREAS, The cause and prevention of diabetes is still unknown, and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International (JDF), an accredited voluntary health agency, has as its primary objective the support and funding of research to prevent the complications or diabetes and ultimately find a cure. As of now, it can only be controlled by insulin, diet and exercise; and,

WHEREAS, The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International is the largest funding source for diabetic research in the world, except for the United States government. In the past year, JDF contributed over $14 million to diabetes research, bringing its cumulative dollar commitment to more than $73 million. The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International gives more money directly to diabetes research than any other nongovernmental health agency in the world; and,

WHEREAS, Diabetes is the third leading cause of death by disease in America (after heart disease and cancer) and diabetes can contribute to heart disease, JDF continues to contribute to research where many new breakthroughs have occurred in the treatment of this disease; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Ballard was selected as the Sioux Falls Volunteer of the Year, selected from applicants representing volunteer agencies displaying the spirit of volunteerism within the Sioux Falls community. Through his diligence and gifts to conquer the battle against diabetes, raising research funds to find a cure, the Sioux Falls chapter continues to grow:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 1989 as

NATIONAL DIABETES EDUCATION MONTH

in South Dakota, in hopes citizens will appreciate the seriousness and pervasiveness of this chronic illness, and will support the activities of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in any way they can.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Sixth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE